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Mrs. Arthur P. Duggan and her husband, the late Arthur P. Duggan, were the first residents of Littlefield, Texas, and Mrs. Duggan was the first woman to call Littlefield her home. Mrs. Duggan and her two children joined Mr. Duggan on the plains in the fall of 1912 coming from Dallas, Texas. Some of her friends predicted that she would not stay over night, but according to Mrs. Duggan, when she got one whiff of the breeze that blew over the prairie and took one look at the sky, she knew she would be content to call this new country her home. Mrs. Duggan said she pitched her tent where the grass was the greenest, speaking of the spot the Duggan home now occupies.

Their first home was a one room house with a lean to that the cowboys moved in from the south camp, of the Yellow House ranch. They scoured it with lye and painted it a "sky blue pink," and there the family started its pioneer days. These early citizens of this little town never knew who their next guests would be because there was much travelling in every direction in those days and many interesting people were entertained in the Duggan home.

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Mrs. Duggan, upon arriving to take up her home in this country, wanted to know which cow they were to milk. Imagine her surprise when her husband informed her that the cows were much too wild to milk and that they would have to send back to Dallas for their own milk cow. Mrs. Duggan considered this a peculiar circumstance to encounter in a cow country.

The new house that the Duggans built was finished July 4, 1913. One [negro?] hauled from Lubbock all of the lumber that went into the house. He used a wagon and 8 mules. The salt cedar that now borders the Duggan property, was brought in from one of the Yellow House camps and Mrs. Duggan trimmed it and set it out herself. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Arthur P. Duggan Austin, Texas. c.12 - 2/11/41 Tex.